

REMARKS

Herein, the "Action" or "Office Action" refers to the Office Action dated 6/10/2004.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18-24, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41-43, 47-48, 51, 52, 54, and 56-61 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 51, 52, and 54. Claims withdrawn or canceled herein are 3, 8, 11, 14, 17, 25-31, 33, 36, 39, 44-46, 49-50, 53, and 55. New claims added herein are none.

Allowable Claims

Applicant appreciates the Office's recognition of the allowability of claims 21-24, 32, 42, 47, 48, and 56-61. Furthermore, Applicant appreciates the Office's recognition of the allowability of dependent claims 2, 3, 7-10, 14-16, 18, 19, 35, 36, 38-41, and 52-54 if re-written in independent form. Applicant does that herein. However, rather than just canceling the rejected base claims, Applicant incorporates the dependencies of some of the dependent into their base claims.

To speed along issuance of claims in this case, Applicant cancels claims 3, 8, 11, 14, 17, 25-31, 33, 36, 39, 44-46, 49-50, 53, and 55 which leaves only the allowed claims (1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18-24, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41-43, 47-48, 51, 52, 54, and 56-61) pending.

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Substantive Claim Rejections

The substantive claim rejections of claims 1, 4-6, 11-13, 17, 20, 25-31, 33, 34, 37, 44-46, 49-51, and 55 are moot since these claims have been withdrawn from consideration in their original form.

Applicant withdraws these claims from consideration in order speed along issuance of other claims that the Office indicates are allowable or would be allowable if re-written into independent form.

Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce these claims at a later date.

Conclusion

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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